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The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- copies of Form PTO-1449 from parent application (2 sheets); and
- copies of Form PTO-892 from parent application (2 sheets); and
- newly submitted Form PTO-1449 (2 sheets).

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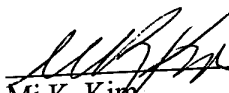
A copy of the forms PTO-1449 submitted in the parent application and forms PTO-892 received from the Patent Office in the parent application, U.S. Serial Number 09/451,666, filed November 30, 1999 are enclosed. Copies of these forms are being submitted because Applicants wish the information to appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom (MPEP §609). In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(d), copies of the references cited in the parent application are not included in this submission (MPEP §609A(2)); however, for the Examiner's convenience, if requested, Applicants will be pleased to provide a copy of any or all of the references cited therein.

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